GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
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UTILISATION OF FUNDS UNDER MPLADS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) have been fully utilized during the last three years;

(b) if so, the funds allocated and the percentage of the funds utilized under the said scheme during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the reasons for delay in implementation of the schemes sanctioned by the Government have been identified; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the suggestions made to tide over the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) and (b) The details of funds released during the last three financial years under MPLADS are as follows:-

1. 2001-02 - Rs. 1800 crore
2. 2002-03 - Rs. 1600 crore
3. 2003-04 - Rs. 1682 crore

The details of year-wise expenditure against above releases are available with the respective District Administration. However, the cumulative figures of expenditure from the inception of the Scheme in 1993 till 31-03-2002, 31-03-2003 and 31-03-2004 are indicated below:

(Rs. in crore)

AS ON	FUNDS RELEASED BY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA	EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION	%UTILISATION OVER RELEAS
31.03.2002	8897.80	6610.18	74.29
31.03.2003	10497.80	8272.70	78.80
31.03.2004	12179.80	10009.38	82.18

(c)& (d) There are various reasons for delay in the implementation of works under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme. Main reasons are as follows:-

(i) Delay in processing of recommendations received from the Members of Parliament by District Administration;

(ii) Delay in preparation of estimates by the concerned implementing agencies;

(iii) Delay in issue of financial sanction by the District Administration;

(iv) Non-compliance of time frame by the Implementing Agencies;

(v) Delay in transfer of funds from the nodal district to implementing district;

(vi) Non-submission of expenditure statement to the Government of India; and

(vii) Non-availability and delay in acquisition of land.

The Government have taken steps to speed up the implementation of works. The State Governments have been advised to follow strictly the provisions o f the Guidelines including those relating to monitoring of works and implement works recommended by Members o f Parliament expeditiously. The District Administration have been advised to sanction works to the extent of their entitlement without waiting for actual release of funds and submit the expenditure report expeditiously. They also have been advised to evolve a time frame for implementation keeping in view the nature of the works. Special review meetings were also held from time to time to ensure expeditious implementation of the recommended works.